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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1636**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

F.R. Bloom *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/227,742

Filed: January 8, 1999

For: **Method for Increasing Viability  
and Transformation Efficiency  
of Bacteria During Storage at  
at Low Temperatures**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Yucel, I.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4770003/RWE/GER

**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

**Attention: Box AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 12) ("the Office Action"), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.